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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 10 students

### **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze final payment reminder**

We are now approaching the expedition phase of the bronze award. Every Thursday we continue to offer all DofE students a lunchtime eDofE support session so that they can receive support to correctly complete the programme planners for their volunteering, physical and skills components.

Firstly, please be kindly reminded that the **final payment of £60 is due on or before Friday 1 March** and I would be grateful for if you could meet this deadline. I am aware that there was an issue with the Welcome Packs and unfortunately over 50 of our students have not yet received one. I have been in touch with DofE Head Office about this and they have apologised and promised that they will send me a box of packs. I am hoping to be able to distribute these at the training events next month.

Can I also take this opportunity to say that if there are any students who are having any doubts about whether they can manage the expedition or to complete the other components of the award within the ideal timeframe, please would you contact me as soon as possible to discuss.

A couple of students did decide to drop out of the bronze award last term and a partial refund (minus the cost of registration/welcome pack) was issued. However I must now stress that **once the final deposit is paid, there can be no refunds issued under any circumstance**. The reason for this is that in March we will be invoiced by our licensed activity provider for the full amount, covering both the training and the expeditions, so that he can book the transport to Wales and pay his team of staff who will be supporting him and our students.

Finally, a reminder of the new dates:

Training day: Saturday 2 March (Groups 1-11) and Saturday 9 March (Groups 12-21)

Expedition 1: Saturday 18 May to Sunday 19 May (Groups 1-11)

Expedition 2: Saturday 25 May to Sunday 26 May (Groups 12-21)

Thank you for your support.

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